REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 23, 2009. Claims 38 and 43 are now remaining in the application and both are independent. Claims 39 to 42 and 44 to 47 have been canceled. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 38 to 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,574,798 (Bradley) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,497,186 (Kawasaki). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The claims relate to a video server providing requested video data to a display terminal based on a request issued from a control terminal. In the claims, the video server communicates with a control terminal (e.g., a wired or wireless phone) via a first transmission path (e.g., a narrow-band communication line) and communicates with a display terminal via a second communication path (e.g.., a broad-band communication line). The server receives a request for video data from the control terminal, where the request includes video designation data designating video data, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the control terminal that transmitted the request. The video server then generates first confirmation data comprising position information indicating a position of the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data of the video request and time information indicating a reception time of the video request (e.g., a character string "Location A, time B") and appends a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data. The generated first confirmation data is transmitted to the display terminal, which causes the

display terminal to display the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data. A user standing near the display terminal sees the displayed position information and time information of the first confirmation data and inputs it into the control terminal. Thus, the user confirms the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, whereby the server receives second confirmation data back from the control terminal that includes second identification data of the control terminal that transmitted the confirmation data back to the server. The video server then compares the first identification data and the second identification data to one another, and also compares the location information and time information of the first confirmation data transmitted to the display terminal with the location information and time information of the second confirmation data received back from the control terminal to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal. If both comparisons result in a match, then the requested video data designated by the video designation data is transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

Thus, amended Claim 38 is directed to a video server which is connected to a plurality of control terminals via a first transmission path, and which is connected to a plurality of display terminals via a second transmission path, the server comprising a first reception unit configured to receive a video request from a first one of the plurality of control terminals via the first transmission path, wherein the video request comprises video designation data designating video data to be displayed on a display terminal, display terminal designation data designating a display terminal on which the video data is to be displayed, and first identification data identifying the first control terminal that transmitted the video request, a generating unit configured to generate first confirmation data

comprising position information indicating a position of the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data of the video request and time information indicating a reception time of the video request, and to append a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data, a confirmation data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the first confirmation data generated by the generating unit to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, and to cause the display terminal to display the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data, a confirmation data reception unit configured to receive second confirmation data comprising position information and time information from the first control terminal which transmitted the video request received by the first reception unit, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and to receive second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, a comparison unit configured to compare the first identification data received by the first reception unit with the second identification data received by the confirmation data reception unit, and to compare the position information and the time information of the first confirmation data transmitted by the confirmation data transmission unit with the position information and the time information of the second confirmation data received by the confirmation data reception unit to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal, and a video data transmission unit configured to transmit, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display

terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons by the comparison unit result in a match, wherein if either comparison by the comparison unit does not result in a match, the video data designated by the video designation data is not transmitted to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data.

Claim 43 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 38.

The applied art, alone or in any permissible combination, is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of amended independent Claims 38 and 43, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of a video server i) generating first confirmation data comprising position information indicating a position of a designated display terminal designated in a video request and time information indication a reception time of the video request, and appending a destination address corresponding to the designated display terminal to the first confirmation data, ii) transmitting, via a second transmission path based on the appended destination address of the designated display terminal, the generated first confirmation data to the designated display terminal, and causing the display terminal to display the position information and time information of the first confirmation data, iii) receiving second confirmation data comprising position information and time information from a first control terminal which transmitted the received video request, wherein the second confirmation data is input in the first control terminal by a user who confirms the position information and time information of the first confirmation data displayed on the display terminal, and receives second identification data of the first control terminal that transmitted the second confirmation data, iv) comparing the first identification data received with the video request with the received second

identification data, and comparing the position information and time information of the first confirmation data with the position information and time information of the second confirmation data to confirm that the user has designated the correct display terminal, and v) transmitting, via the second transmission path, the video data designated by the video designation data to the display terminal designated by the display terminal designation data, to display the video data, if both of the comparisons result in a match.

Bradley is seen to disclose an arrangement for delivering pay video data. Bradley discloses that an authorization is performed using a user's room information. However, this arrangement differs from the claims in that is does not allow a user to confirm that a desired display terminal has been correctly designated. That is, Bradley is not seen to teach that, when a user request a video, that first confirmation data comprising position information of a designated display terminal designated in the video request and time information indicating when the video request is received is generated, then transmitted to the designated display terminal where it is displayed so that the user can then confirm the confirmation data by inputting the displayed position information and time information into a control terminal, whereby it is transmitted back to the server which performs the comparison of the two to ensure the correct display terminal has been designated. Accordingly, Bradley is not seen to teach the features of Claims 38 and 43.

Kawasaki is merely seen to disclose that a message directed to a particular terminal is transmitted with a television broadcast signal, whereby the terminal displays the message on a TV receiver, and finishes the display when the user issues an instruction indicating that the message has been received. Thus, at best, Kawasaki transmits a message to a particular terminal and the user confirms receipt of the message. However,

there is no indication in Kawasaki that the message is one which is initiated by a video request that designates the terminal, nor does the message include position information indicating a position of the terminal and time information indicating a time of reception of the video request. Further, Kawasaki is not seen to teach that, when the user confirms receipt of the message, that the user inputs the position information and time information displayed on the terminal. Even further, Kawasaki is not seen to perform the claimed comparison of comparing the displayed message with received confirmation to determine whether or not to transmit the requested video data to the terminal. Accordingly, Kawasaki is not seen to add anything to overcome the deficiencies of Bradley, and Claims 38 and 43 are believed to be allowable over the cited art.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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